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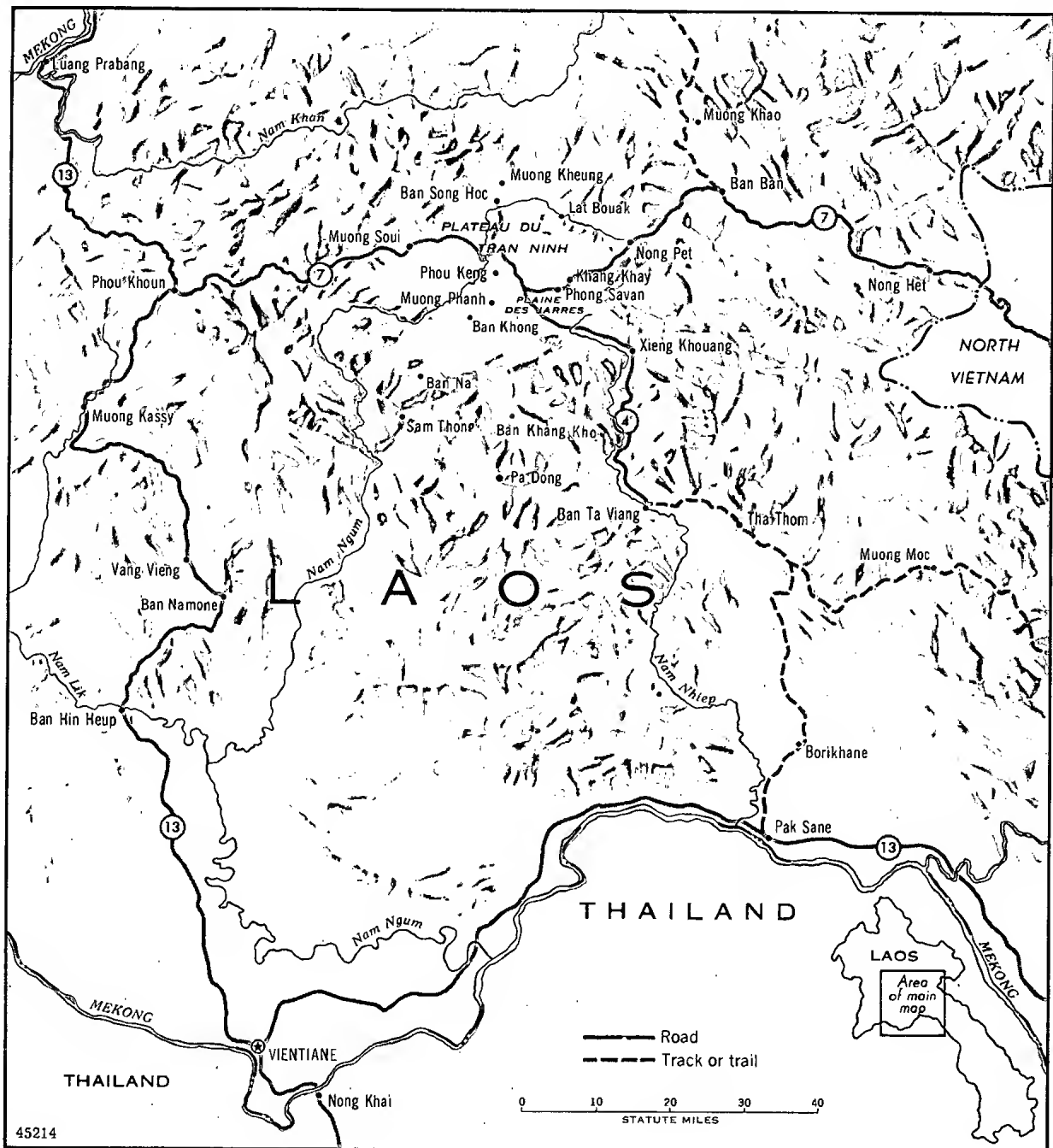
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22 May 1964

1. Laos: Communist forces were still pressing against rightist guerrilla positions south of the Plaine des Jarres on 22 May.

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Moscow, as expected, has jumped at the French proposal for a new conference on Laos. The Soviets suggest it be convened next month at Geneva. They claim they are responding not only to the French proposal but also to Souvanna's request for consultations.

Moscow seems to have decided against any effort to restore Souvanna's coalition and appears ready to write him off completely.

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Souvanna himself has just about given up hope of working out a compromise with the Communists. [REDACTED]

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2. North Vietnam - Laos: Hanoi may be continuing to supply the Communists in Laos by air.

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[REDACTED] photography [REDACTED] has shown a transport plane, believed to be North Vietnamese, at a Pathet Lao airfield. This is the first photographic evidence of air assistance since the end of the Soviet-supported airlift in October 1962 [REDACTED]

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The North Vietnamese are also hurrying up construction of routes leading to the south.

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3. Indonesia-Malaysia: [REDACTED]

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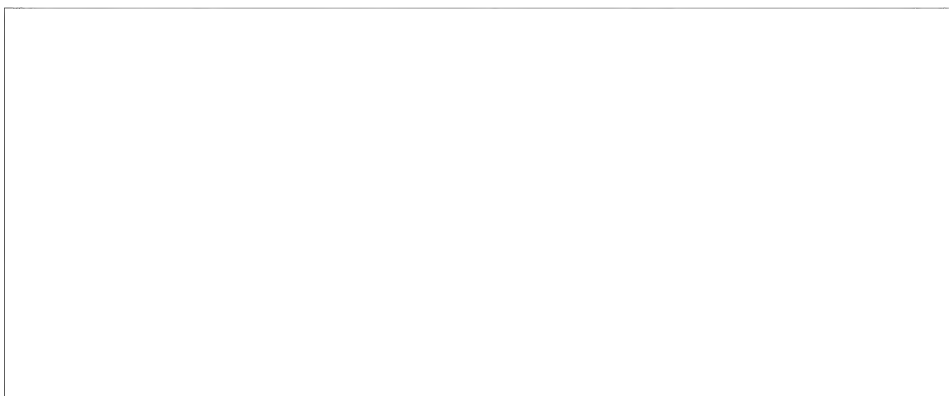
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4. Cyprus: Makarios now says that he cannot control the Greek Cypriot extremists. He has made only feeble efforts in this direction, despite warnings from all sides that he risks his own future in allowing Cyprus to slide toward anarchy.

Ambassador Belcher meanwhile has warned that the Turkish Cypriot irregulars--many of whom are also operating without central control--are expected to start new violence if the conviction spreads that Turkish hostages have been murdered.

5. Bolivia: Paz seems again to have outmaneuvered his opposition and his re-election now looks like a sure thing. Paz himself is confident that the 31 May election will come off smoothly by Bolivian standards. He does not discount the prospect of scattered violence.

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6. France-Israel: The US air attaché in Paris has heard that the first test firing of the Israeli surface-to-surface missile, being developed by the French firm of Marcel Dassault, is now set for July. This timing would mean that the development program is about on schedule.

7. Cuba-US:

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[redacted] Cuban proficiency on the SAM system continues to improve. [redacted]

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8. Cuba-USSR: [] major Soviet military delivery to Cuba appears to be on its way. The Soviet ship Poltava, a large-hatch ship which we believe is probably carrying arms, is en route []

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9. Zanzibar: Soviet instructors are [] still training the Zanzibar "army" with the idea apparently of displacing the Tanganyikan police now on the island as soon as possible.

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10. Congo: The rebellion in Kivu Province is growing. Adoula has sent Defense Minister Anany and acting army commander Lundula to the scene in an effort to put some backbone in the reluctant Congolese Army. []

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11. British Guiana: Racial violence and arson have spread to the point where the British governor is about to ask Jagan's authorization to declare a state of emergency. The unrest has the native police force fully extended, and an emergency decree would allow deployment of the 600 British troops now in the colony.

12. India: Ambassador Bowles talked with Nehru last Tuesday. The Prime Minister was weak and spoke with painful slowness, but he impressed Bowles as taking in most of what was said to him.

13. USSR: The Soviet shot at Venus, launched on 2 April and scheduled to arrive on 20 July, could be a bull's-eye. [REDACTED]

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Moscow still does not call it a Venus probe, apparently wanting to be sure how successful it is before making any claims. [REDACTED]

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